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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY BELIZE DISCUSSIONS HERE. FURTHER
DETAILS FOLLOW IN SEPARATE NODIS IMMEDIATE CABLE.
IN NOVEMBER 12 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, SECRETARY
ROEL SHOWED DEFINITE SIGNS OF BEING PERSUADED THAT
PROMPT BELIZE SETTLEMENT BASED ON SMALL TERRITORIAL
CESSION WOULD LIKELY BE ACCEPTABLE TO MEXICO. HOWEVER,
IN NOVEMBER 14 TALK WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR COX (IMMED-
IATELY BEFORE ROEL MEETING WITH PRICE), ROEL AIRED HIS
DISLIKE FOR ANY TERRITORIAL CESSION, ARGUED THAT IT WAS
FUTILE TO SPECULATE WHETHER PRESENT OR FUTURE GUATEMALAN
GOVERNMENT WAS IN BETTER POSITION TO AGREE TO A SETTLE-
MENT, AND SAID THAT WHILE MEXICO WOULD NOT WISH TO PRESS
ITS OWN TERRITORIAL CLAIM, IT COULD BE RELINQUISHED ONLY
WITH PRIOR APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT AND LEGISLATURE. AFTER
HIS CONVERSATION WITH PRICE, ROEL TOLD AMBASSADOR LUCEY
THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD ALWAYS FOUND IDEA OF SOME SMALL
TRANSFER OF BELIZEAN TERRITORY ACCEPTABLE AS PART OF
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SOLUTION IF BELIZEANS AGREED, PRICE HAD TOLD HIM HE WAS
UNWILLING TO GIVE UP "ONE CENTIMETER" OF BELIZE'S SOIL.
ROEL TOLD AMBASSADOR HE WOULD SUPPORT PRICE'S POSITION.
HE INDICATED UN RESOLUTIONS WOULD COME TO VOTE NOV 15.
BRITISH EMBASSY TELLS US MORNING NOV 15 THAT ROEL TELE-
PHONED UNSYG WALDHEIM NIGHT OF NOV 14. BRITISH EMBASSY
DOES NOT KNOW SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION, BUT IS CONCERNED

ABOUT POSSIBLE BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF BELIZE DIS-
CUSSIONS. LUCEY

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